



MINUTES OF THE WASHOE COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

August 5, 2020

Washoe County Senior Center, Reno, Nevada 89512

Zoom Webinar

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1. ***Call To Order** - Meeting was called to order at 3:07 p.m. by Chair- Dr. Larry Weiss.
2. ***Roll Call** – Dr. Larry Weiss asked for the roll call; Sandra Vasquez took the roll. There was a quorum present via Zoom meeting.

WASHOE COUNTY SENIOR SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS:

PRESENT VIRTUALLY		ABSENT (EXCUSED*)	
Dr. Larry Weiss	Danada Rausch (Phone)	*James Doyle	
Jennifer McMenemy (phone)	Sarah Deardorff (Phone)	Mark Miranda	
Linda Hardie	Donna Clontz	*Rick Sorensen	
	Barbara Korosa (Phone)		

WASHOE COUNTY STAFF PRESENT

Steve McBride
Abby Badolato

Herbert Kaplan (DA)
Sandra Vasquez

ADVISOR PRESENT

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ADVISOR (ABSENT)
Victoria Edmondson
Connie McMullen

3. ***Public Comment** –
No public comment.
4. ***Member Announcements** –
Donna stated she received an email and it said the Village at Sage Street is at maximum capacity. There are 210 tenants. The average age was 51 years old and almost 90 percent are males. Most tenants have jobs.
5. **Approval of the Agenda for the Advisory Board Meeting on August 5, 2020 (For Possible Action)**
Motion to approve the agenda was made by Sarah Deardorff and seconded by Donna Clontz.
Motion passed unanimously.

6. Approval of the Minutes for the Advisory Board Meeting on July 15, 2020 (For Possible Action)

Motion to approve the minutes was made by Donna Clontz and seconded by Linda Hardie.
Motion passed unanimously.

7. *Update and discussion on Washoe County issues and activities relating to seniors – Steve McBride, Division Director

Steve presented information from Senior Services Division (see attached) and stated the Nutrition Program has increased 24.5% from January through March. Aging and Disability Services Division relaxed nutritional standards and 13,211 emergency meals have been provided. A partnership was also made with the Reno Sparks Indian Colony and Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe. Caseworkers have maintained regular communication with their clients and no disruption was made to the Homemaker program and Rep Payee program. Abby stated Daybreak has adapted and currently they are doing virtual outreach and they do activities through Zoom. There have been grants that have been awarded and there are 2 that are still pending.

Barbara Korosa leaves at 3:24pm.

Donna asked about other sites, Cold Springs is the site that has not provided meals.

Steve stated it is fire season and the Reno senior center has been used as the headquarters where people that have been affected by fires can be triaged.

Abby stated the Fan Drive is still going on.

8.*Update on Sparks Senior Citizen Advisory Committee - Donald Abbott

Donald stated they haven't had any meetings. They will be working on a newsletter that will be more COVID related. They also still have an Alternate seat open, but besides that seat, it is a full board.

9.*Update and discussion of 2020 Census

Larry stated the Census is still going on electronically. Linda stated she read it is stopping a month early. Donna stated that about 60% of the population has completed the Census.

10. Update, report, discussion, and possible recommendations regarding age friendly communities sponsored by AARP throughout the county and cities (For Possible Action) – Donna Clontz

Donna stated she, Larry, Steve, and Abby have been working out details as to how to give the survey out to seniors. At the moment, it looks like it is not a good idea for congregate sites to give out the survey, but it may work for home delivered meals. Donna stated she also spoke with Sarah and she can give out the surveys to the Sierra Manor residents. Sarah stated she already received about 70 surveys from residents. Steve stated a print request has been submitted for the survey and will coordinate how to hand them out. Donna stated they will take precautions with handling surveys for the safety of everyone and if needs are found in the survey, they will follow up with a Washoe County staff member.

Motion for the Senior Advisory Board to support the cooperative effort to collect age friendly data from the Washoe County senior community and community partners that have senior groups so they can get survey results that they can share and use was made by Donna Clontz and seconded by Linda Hardie. Motion passed unanimously.

11. Report, discussion, and possible recommendations regarding recruiting new board members for Districts 1 and 5 and an Alternate seat (For Possible Action)

A) Barbara Korosa (current Alternate seat) for District 1

Motion to recommend Barbara Korosa for District 1 seat to the Board of County Commission was made by Donna Clontz and seconded by Linda Hardie. Motion passed unanimously.

Danada introduced and recommends having Deborah Whitehouse for the Alternate seat.

Deborah Whitehouse from the public stated she is new to the community and is looking for senior information. She currently works as a Human Resource Director for a family business and has a Masters degree and Undergraduate degree. She has practical knowledge in housing, education and experience with psychology, marketing, and engineering. Deborah stated she submitted an application online to be on the Board. Abby will look into finding the application. Donna explained the process of applying to be an Advisory Board member.

12. Report, discussion, and possible recommendation regarding board members volunteering to make Friendly Visitor Calls on a regular basis to selected Home Delivered Meals clients (For Possible Action)

Larry stated he is looking for volunteers that would like to make calls to clients receiving home delivered meals. Abby explained the process and stated each volunteer would start with 5 people to call; staff would ask who would like a call from a volunteer and get permission to give out the contact information. Donna stated the state of Nevada is doing a similar program. Larry, Donna, and Linda volunteered to be callers. Danada asked if someone that is not in the Advisory Board can volunteer. Abby stated yes, the potential volunteer would just need to go through the volunteer paperwork. Danada stated she will talk about it at her stakeholder meeting where she lives. Abby stated she will send a volunteer sheet update, so everyone has the information. Motion for the Board to support working with staff to create a friendly visitor calling project for Board members and other vetted volunteers to make friendly calls to seniors who are identified by staff was made by Donna Clontz and seconded by Larry Weiss. Motion passed unanimously.

13. Report, discussion, possible recommendations and updates on the Advisory Board member's Shared Issues and Goals for Housing, Advocacy, Communication & Information, Data Planning, Transportation, Nutrition Programs, Social & Recreation, Senior Law, Volunteering, Financing, and Social & Health Services (For Possible Action)

Donna stated regarding transportation, AARP has a conference every year and transportation is a big talking point. AARP is hosting a transportation workshop in September and it looks like it may be through Zoom at no cost. When more information is available, she will send it to Sandra to distribute to the board members.

14. Report, discussion, and possible recommendations on senior board members to attend ongoing Washoe County public meetings (For Possible Action)

Donna stated most meetings are not happening. No updates available.

15. Agenda items for the next Board meeting (For Possible Action)

Steve offered a presentation from Dorothy Edwards

Donna stated to carry forward project agenda items

Sarah offered a presentation from Dispatch

16. *Public comment –

Larry stated he has been working with Native Americans in putting together an intergenerational food program under the Nevada SNAP Ed, they were informed they received an award to provide an intergenerational greenhouse so they can plant, grow, harvest, cook and eat together.

17. Adjournment (For Possible Action)

Motion to adjourn was made by Linda Hardie and seconded by Danada Rausch. Motion was unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 4:19 pm.